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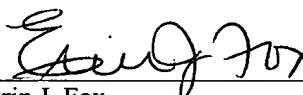
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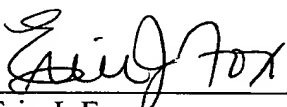
Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 14, 2004,  
attached herewith is a resubmission of Applicants' Amendment C, edited and compliant with  
the revised amendment practice of 37 CFR 1.121.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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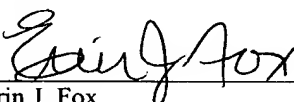
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AMENDMENT C

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 3 through 17 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 18 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.